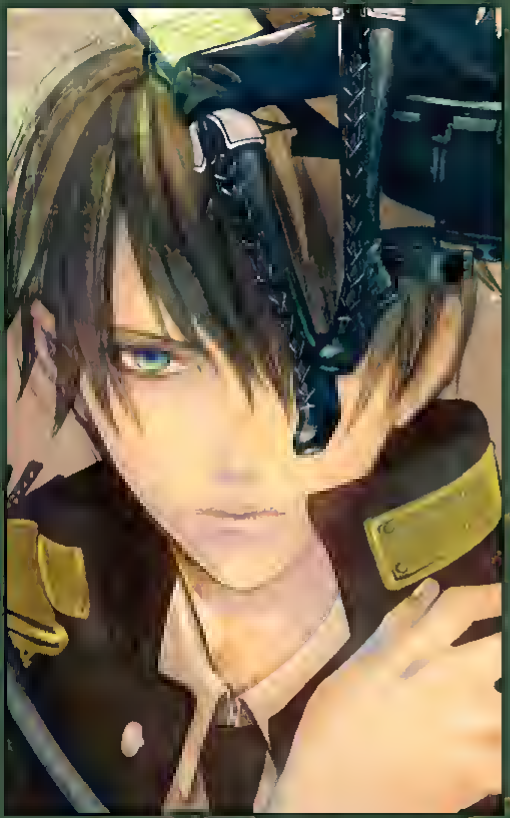

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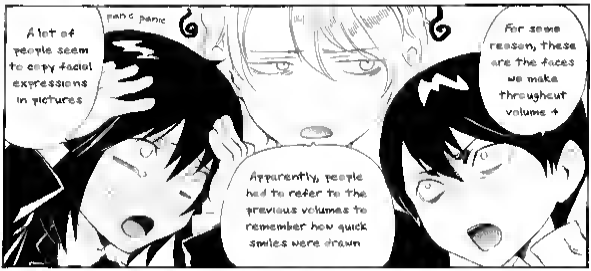
panic panic
A lot of people seem to copy facial expressions in pictures
Apparently, people had to refer to the previous volumes to remember how quick smiles were drawn
For some reason, these are the faces we make throughout volume 4

Special thanks.

Yoshiyuki-sensei,
Jinnakou-san,
Ryouko-san,
my friends
(Sawa-san, Bata-san,
Kaa-rin),
my sister.

Thank you so much!

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黒猫の軌跡

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THE MURDERERS COULD BE PEOPLE FROM THE INNER ISLAND.
IF I RECALL CORRECTLY, MR. AND MRS. MILLFIELD WERE ANTI-CLONING ACTIVISTS.
HOW BOLD FOR THESE THESE PEOPLE TO LEAVE SUCH A MESS.
THEY SHOULD EXPECT TO BE WATCHED IF THEY CHOOSE TO INVOLVED THIS KIND ACTIVITY.
IT IS RELATED TO THE INNER ISLAND? WELL...
These people...
clench
HAS THIS KID SAID ANYTHING YET?
NO SIR. HE HAS NOT MOVED A BIT OR SPOKEN A WORD
JUST INVESTIGATE A BIT THEN WE'LL LEAVE
UNDERSTOOD!
They don't plan to investigate properly at all.
WHAT DID YOU SAY? HOW TROUBLESOME...

You people cannot do anything
You can only surrender to those with power and influence. You people...
I am proud of my parents.
slide
.....
I love you...
Dad.
Mom.

Please rest in peace.
That night... I made a vow to myself.
That I will seek revenge!

第19話

step

I can take revenge on that man

I HEARD THAT HE COMES TODAY FOR THE MAINTENANCE ON HIS PROSTHETICS
ALONG THE ALLEYS, THERE ARE A LOT OF BODY MAINTENANCE DOGS INSIDE
YES
JUST A BIT FURTHER...
STILL NOT THERE YET, ES...?

Body maintenance... So he had body modifications...
I SEE
Never mind that, ES.
Where is that man?
!
Fon.

ES...
HAVE YOU ALWAYS
BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIM?
HE... IS THE PERSON YOU WANT TO MEET, RIGHT?
.....

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR HIM FOR A LONG TIME.
YES, OF COURSE
To bury him with these hands!
THEREFORE I REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR HELP, ES-
tap tap
I SEE...
THAT'S GREAT
BUT

I thought people would be smiling happily,
when they meet someone they want to.
OH YEAH, FON
BECAUSE WE ARE NEAR THE LABS PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR PHONE
OKAY...
I ALREADY TURNED IT OFF BEFORE I CAME TO THE INNER ISLAND
clack
beep
NO PROBLEM.

RUMBLE
I CAN'T CONTACT EITHER FON OR BS AT ALL...
THEY SHOULD HAVE GONE TO THE MEETING PLACE MENTIONED IN THE EMAIL
NOW THEN, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
RRRR
clack
VROOM
beep
YES?
HEY, JACQUES.
OH, M'GGE?

EH?
THE WIND IS PRETTY LOUD ARE YOU OUTSIDE NOW?
YEAH, KIND OF...
ARE YOU TAKING A WALK WITH HANDCUFFS AGAIN?
Ha Ha
IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THAT WERE TRUE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT CASE?
DID YOU FIND OUT ANY-THING?
AH YES, I CALLED YOU ABOUT THIS.
YOU REQUESTED ME TO RESEARCH THE RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN PROFESSOR LITTENBER AND THE MILLFIELD COUPLE
THE PERSON WHO HAD SECRETLY BEEN SUPPORTING THEIR ANTI-CLONE TRADE ACTIVITIES IS IN FACT PROFES-SOR LITTENBER
tap! tap!
SUP-PORT ?
SFX rumble

IT SEEMS PROFESSOR LITTENDER HAS BEEN SECRETLY
PARTICIPATING IN A MASSIVE TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT
AND ONE MORE THING
THE DIRECT RELATIONSHIP IS STILL BEING INVESTIGATED BUT .
IF FON'S PARENTS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT EXPERIMENT
I GOT IT
THANK YOU, MAGGE
TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT?
HOWEVER, AS ONE WOULD EXPECT, THE SECURITY IS EXTREMELY STRONG
IF ONLY WE CAN AT LEAST KNOW WHETHER THAT EXPERIMENT IS RELATED TO THE SUPPORT OF ANTI-CLONE ACTIVITIES
NO PROBLEM WELL, IF ANYTHING COMES UP, I WILL LET YOU KNOW
beep

TOP SECRET EXPERIMENT...
Six: rumble
I CLEARLY HEARD A STRANGE SOUND
ARE THOSE REALLY
JUST SEDATIVES?
YOU ALSO
THINK MY FATHER DID SOMETHING TO MY BODY DON'T YOU?

Could it be..
OVER HERE, FON
BODY MAINTE-NANCE DOG.

NOT ONLY DOES THIS LAB DEAL WITH BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS AND BODY ENHANCEMENTS BUT WITH ARTIFICIAL ORGANS AS WELL
PEOPLE WITH CYBERNETIC AUGMENTATIONS COME HERE FOR THEIR MECHANICAL CHECK-UPS

HE'S ONLY PARTLY CYBERNETIC, NOT PURELY MACHINE
I THINK HE IS IN THE MIDDLE OF TREATMENT, BUT...
HE SHOULD BE DONE BY NOW.

SOMEWHERE IN THERE THAT MAN IS...
shuk
WAIT RIGHT HERE, I WILL ASK WHICH ROOM HE'S IN
OKAY...

open
EXCUSE ME
COULD I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
!

Found him!
thump
Haa
Haa
Haa

tap
tap
FON?
DON'T YOU WANT TO SAY HI TO HIM?
THAT PERSON JUST NOW IS WHO YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR, RIGHT?
THANK YOU, ES
I WILL GO BY MYSELF FROM HERE ON
HUH?

HOL-
HOLD ON, WHO IS THIS PERSON!?
WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO CHASING AFTER HIM!?
!?
WHAT DO YOU...
ES.
FROM HERE ON, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
YOU CANNOT GET INVOLVED IN THIS.

UNDER-STOOD?
YOU NEED TO GO BACK
I WILL GO TOO!
I CAN TAKE YOU TO HIS RESI-DENCE.
No?
SHOCK

Go back now!
stop me.
No one can
.....

Revenge.
I will make him drown in his own blood.
Right now I will get revenge
for my parents!

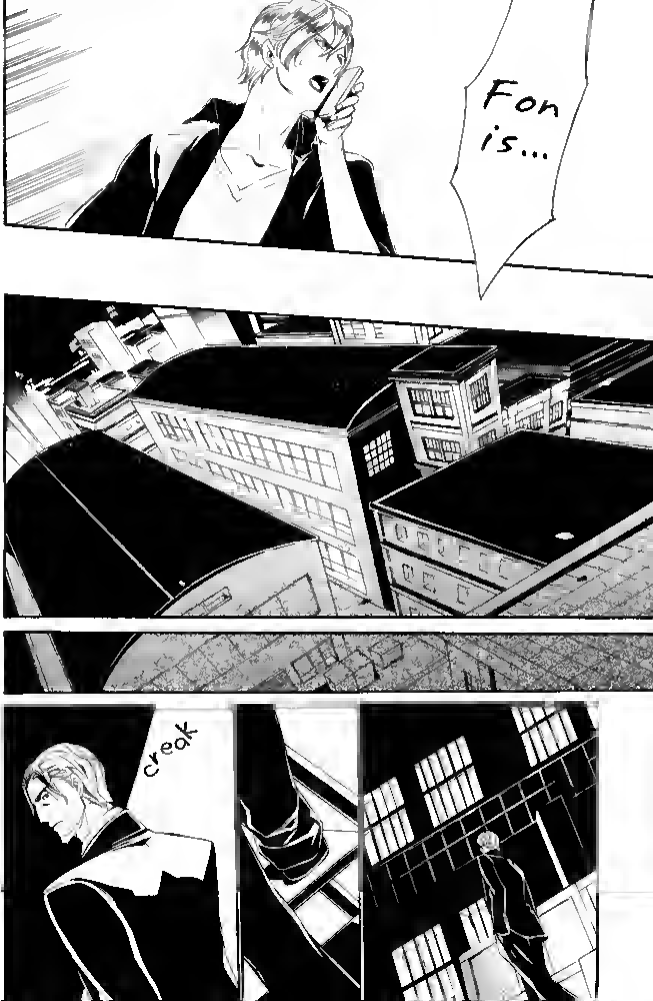
I will put bullets through him like he did to my parents.
NO, THAT'S NOT ENOUGH
EVEN
EVEN MORE CRUEL
Then I will end his life!
I will smear him
with the torment of intense pain terror

.....
sfx: dash
Fan...!
I did something I shouldn't have...
Something terrible is going to happen.
EXCUSE ME!
bump
He has a gun and knife with him..
WHO CAN STOP HIM!?
beep
beep
SOMEONE... STOP HIM...

SOME-ONE SOMEONE ELSE
BRO-THER?
NO I CAN'T
Who can I...?
I can't let my brother go through any danger...
Who ex-actly can help him?
ringgg
ringgg
ringgg
ringgg
beep
A PHONE NUMBER I DON'T KNOW...
?

ARE YOU ES?
!?
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS NUMBER? WHO ARE..
I AM FON'S FRIEND
JACQUES BERNE
I FOUND THIS NUMBER IN YOUR EMAILS TO FON
JACQUES IS HIS ROOM-MATE?
AH!
PLEASE STOP..!
PLEASE STOP FON!
O

IF THIS GOES ON SOMETHING TERRIBLE IS GOING TO HAPPEN
THEY'VE ALREADY MET ?
IT'S MY FAULT
IT'S BECAUSE I TOLD HIM
I GOT IT, SO PLEASE CALM DOWN.
ANYWAYS I AM ALREADY HEADING TO WHERE YOU ARE NOW
WHERE EXACTLY ARE YOU AT CURRENTLY?


Fon is...
creak

creak
.....

Who
are you?

WHO ARE YOU?
.....
THIS IS NOT A GOOD TIME FOR KIDS TO WANDER AROUND IN THIS KIND OF PLACE
HURRY UP
AND GO
HOME...
shut
.....
shut
第20話

Why?
.....
My mom...
And dad...
Why did you kill them?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
FIVE YEARS AGO...
DON'T TELL ME YOU CAN'T REMEMBER...?
YOU PEOPLE KILLED THE MILLFIELD COUPLE...
IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY, THE ACTIVISTS
MILLFIELD
YOU ARE...? THEIR SON?
AH...

step
ON WHOSE INSTRUCTIONS?
WHY DID YOU KILL THEM?
step
step
!
IT'S NOT ANYONE'S BUSINESS
What ...?
step
step
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ANY POWER BACKING ME FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OR WHATEVER.
THERE'S NO REASON NEEDED FOR GETTING RID OF THOSE ANNOYING FLIES.

Step
flies...
You say...?
You say Mom and Dad...
Are flies...?
Sharp glare

THAT SON OF THEIRS .....
WHAT IS HE GOING TO DO TO GET REVENGE?
A KID LIKE YOU WHO DOESN'T EVEN KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT HOW TO USE A GUN.
PROBABLY GOT THIS IDEA FROM READING TOO MANY BOOKS ABOUT REVENGE.
SWISH
REALITY IS NOT THAT SIMPLE
!
sfx: bang

CLANK
splurt
Who's the fly?

Murderer.
Mom...
And dad...!
FLASH
IT'S BECAUSE PEOPLE LIKE YOU EXIST...
I SEE...
clench
swip

fwip
crack
snap
Ile-
genes!
sfx: step step step
sfx: shing

Scrape
turn
CLANG
Wham

SFX: slash
grip
fwish
SFX: DING
point

UNFORTU-
NATELY.
.....
THAT
SPOT IS NOT
THE ONE
.....
SFX: Pull

battered
whoosh
HIS ABDOMEN IS ALSO REIN-FORCED...
explosion
SFX: BAM
dash

wish
wince
Ugh!
.....
twish

exhale
haa
...
click
THIS GUY
glint
WIPE
ARE YOU...
JACQUES?

YOU ARE BS...
.....

He's so similar to Janis.
gulp

GOT IT.
AND EXPLAIN THE SITUATION WHILE WE ARE HEADING THERE
I WILL GUIDE YOU TO THE PLACE,
Right He's the "younger brother" ..

ES, YOU...
FON HAS A TOOL THAT SPECIALIZES IN HURTING PEOPLE.
THAT SORT OF WEAPON. WHAT DOES HE WANT TO DO WITH THAT MAN...?
HUH?
He guided Fon to that man without knowing that he murdered Fon's parents?
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM QUICKLY—
LET'S HURRY, ES!
OKAY!
Even if it's Fon, there's no way that he can be uninjured fighting a professional killer.

PING
ching
SFX: CLANG
SFX: dart
SFX: WHOOSH

.....
THIS GUY... HIS MOVEMENT IS BECOMING BETTER AND BETTER. ?
MY MOTION SPEED HAS BEEN ENHANCED THERE CAN'T BE A HUMAN BEING WHO CAN FOLLOW
HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE...? ARE YOU REALLY AN ORDINARY HUMAN?
.....
I'M HUMAN
YEAH
ドスッ

I am the human who has inherited the two lives...
Screech
Slide
You've murdered.
IF HE SEES OUR FACES...
SHOULD WE LOOK FOR HIM?

A mere child won't be able to do anything.
Doesn't matter.
click
I will...
make you regret your decision that night...
.....
...To keep me alive.

第21話

LOOK, FON,
SWISH
IT'S PRETTY, ISN'T IT?
BANG
BANG
ILEGENES WAS ONCE A VERY BEAUTIFUL ISLAND
THEY ALSO HAVE LOTS AND LOTS OF FISH

SEX: CLICK
SEX: CLICK
SNAP
A CENTURY AGO,
BEFORE THE OCEAN WAS POLLUTED, FISH WERE ABUNDANT
ILLEGAL ARTIFICIAL BEINGS
WERE CREATED AT THAT TIME.

MOMMY AND DADDY DON'T LIKE ARTIFICIAL BEINGS?
...!
pat
IT IS INDEED TRUE THAT THEY ARE NOT A NATURAL EXISTENCE
BUT THEY STILL HAVE LIVES
LISTEN WELL, FON.
OUR HATRED SHOULDN'T BE TOWARDS THE UNNATURAL BEINGS
THIS ISLAND HAS DEFILED THE INVIOLABLE "REALM OF GOD"
THAT IS NOT "THE TRUE FORM OF THE ISLAND"
THEREFORE...

We must purify it.
THUMP
chake
chake
.....
!?
STOP
WHAT'S GOING ON...?
.....

Kill!
I must take revenge on this man.
Des-troy!
Hate!
The black market!
s-fx: thump

AHHHH
AHHH
DASH

click
...
step
thump
GUH
step
step

haa
haa
step
step
step
haa
click
step
step
haa
step
step
STOMP

SLASH
twirl
SNAP
UGH...
AH...
SNAP
grind
NOW,
tap

ANSWER ME!
ON WHOSE INSTRUCTION WAS THAT?
.....
—I CANNOT TELL YOU—
wring
Uwahh!!
ANSWER ME!

Answer me!
Which boss is it?
IT'S THE ORDER OF YOUR BOSS, ISN'T IT?
THE BOSS WHO FEEDS YOU.
SFX: RUMBLE
crack
crack
I DON'T...
HAVE ANY OBLIGATION TO ANSWER YOU!!

!!
SFX:BANG

!!
IMPOS-
SIBLE...
You avoided it at this dis-tance!?

Mo-
n-
The one who should die is you!
SFX: THUMP
SFX: THUMP
SFX: THUMP
SFX: THUMP
.....
st-

IS IT THIS WAREHOUSE, ES?
YES.
IT'S AWFULLY QUIET I HAVE AN UNPLEASANT FEELING ABOUT THIS
Besides.
.....
ES PLEASE WAIT HERE, I WILL CHECK IT OUT
sniff

creak
creak
SPA: SPLATTER
This sound...
Creak

BANG
FON...?
.....
SHOCK
.....
This is...
A lie, right?
SUN
HA
HUH
HUH
HAH

THUMP
Fo...
n...

JACQUES IS FON...
Don't come here, Es!
pause
UGH...
!
Fon?
Right...
SUSH
SUSH
This kind of thing...
Cannot be real, right...?
flin

This is a night-mare...
.....

第22話

HAA.
For the first time,
I pierced through a human life.
Acting upon anger, I swung my knife downwards.
HAA.
HAA.
flinch
HAA.
HAA.
gush
HAA.
"Not enough."

HAA
HAA
YIP
Kill! Kill! I want to kill!
...I will kill you...
STAB STAB STAB
Kill you!
That's right! Hate more! Destroy more!
Pierce the enemy with your blade!
Sfx: CLACK
Again!
And again!

Use your instinct
to exter-minate every single factor
that stains this island black!
"Fortin-bras."
That is your...

"Fon."
.....
I hear...
Someone calling me...

become a monster.
FON...
I have
However...
Just whose voice is this?
I can't even tell who is over there.

THIS KIND THIS KIND OF THING...
Jacques, did Fon ki-kill that man ?
I I!
ES!
I WILL BRING FON BACK YOU...
B-BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU...?
GO HOME!
.....!?
YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE

Please ...!
Please!
Swish
Don't look at Fon in this state anymore!
Hurry and leave!

……
……
drip

.....
Step
It's a dream...
IT'S ME, FON
DROP THE KNIFE.
IT'S ME!
Is this a dream?
...DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE ME?

This is a bad dream.
Come tomorrow, you will be smiling beside me
And you will call out my name as usual
"Jacques."
Fon, It's me!

It's Jac-ques!
1st thump

MIRAI-KAI

Fon ...!?
thud
twitch
twitch

DASH
!?
DASH
DASH
grab
HEY...!
PLEASE STEP BACK FROM THAT ENTITY!
IT'S DANGEROUS
WH...
WHO ARE YOU PEOPLE!?
AH
AGH
ENTITY!?

OVER HERE THE RESTRAINTS
CLINK
THE ANESTHETIC DART IS STARTING TO TAKE EFFECT
GOOD CAPTURE HIM.
flinch
GAHHH
!!
ALL CLEAR!
slide

SFX: ZAP

GWAHHHH

.....

twitch

!

twitch

CONFIRM HIS CONDITION AND STRAP HIM UP

*BP = blood pressure
PULSE AND BP* FALLING... TO NORMAL RATE
NEURAL RESPONSE HUNDRED SIXTY TO NINETY
ONCE IT'S NORMALIZED, IMMEDIATELY APPLY CPR*
JUST TO BE SURE, ADMINISTER MUSCLE RELAXANT.

*CPR = cardiopulmonary resuscitation

Step
Step
WHAT'S THE PROGRESS?
RIGHT NOW HE HAS BEEN STABILIZED
AS SOON AS THE TREATMENT IS DONE CONTAIN HIM, THEN TRANSPORT HIM TO THE TRUCK
I GOT IT
Hold on!
Where are you taking Fon?
.....
WHO ARE YOU?

I AM FON'S FRIEND...
THAT GUY'S COMPANION!
WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH FON!?
WHO ON EARTH ARE YOU PEOPLE...?
ARE YOU JACQUES BERNE BY ANY CHANCE...?
HOW COME YOU KNOW MY NAME?
...This child...

Is sick.
THEREFORE, WE MUST BRING HIM BACK WITH US.
AND GIVE HIM TREATMENT
DON'T JOKE WITH ME!
GRAB
USING VIOLENT METHODS LIKE ANESTHETIC DARTS, STUN GUNS.
AND I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOUR INTENTIONS! HOW COULD I AGREE TO THIS!?
HOLD HIM BACK PLEASE
RATTLE
RATTLE
.....!

Let go!
Fon!
Fon!
Fon!
Shk vroom

.....
My most important person...
Is slowly slipping away from my hands...
THAT CHILD
IS VERY IMPORTANT TO US

OKAY
I GOT IT
JACQUES BERNE
PLEASE FORGET EVERYTHING THAT HAP-PENED TODAY.
...I WILL ESCORT YOU BACK TO THE MILITARY SCHOOL.
.....

Who could tell me that
this is only a bad dream ..
That this sort of thing can't be real
drip

...
ruffle
UGH
TSK
...Why...
What are you think-ing...?

...Are you crying?

INUIS, YOU CAN SEND THAT WITNESS BACK TO HIS DORM IN THE MILITARY SCHOOL
I WILL TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE
JACQUES
THEN ERASE ALL OF HIS MEMORY OF TO-NIGHT
UGH ... UGH
!
.....
BUT
TSK
IF IT'S HIM, MAYBE

!

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Since then, Fon never came back.

A few days have passed but I am still unable to digest what happened that night

Pull!
AH
According to the information from Magge, the criminal who murdered Sargon remained unknown
There are some specula tions that it was orders from someone in Don Basil group.
JACQUES
WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN THIS KIND OF PLACE?
FO ..

I WAS NICE ENOUGH TO BRING YOU YOUR TEXTBOOK
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY "IT'S YOU GUYS", JACQUES
AFTERNOON CLASS IS ABOUT TO START
...IT'S YOU GUYS
?
MY BAD. THANKS.
...That was a dream, right?
But when I wake up from the dream, Fan is not there
The bed next to me is always empty-
Every morning when I open my eyes, I ask myself this question.

THAT GUY RUSHED OUT THAT DAY AND NEVER CAME BACK
I HEARD HE'S SICK AND BEING TREATED AT HOME
step
BUT WHEN HE HAD A RIB FRACTURE HE RETURNED IMMEDIATELY AS IF IT WAS NOTHING...
step
HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BACK DOWN FOR THIS KIND OF MATTER
ONCE HE RETURNS ELFENREIN 5* ACTIVITY WILL RESUME ONCE AGAIN
step
step
SUDDEN ILLNESS .?

*Referring to their group Elephant Tusks which will now be called Elfenhein instead

DO YOU MEAN HIS RELATIVE IS PROFESSOR LITTENBER?
HIS RE-LATIVE ?
YEAH
HE WILL BE ABSENT TEMPORARILY A RELATIVE OF HIS CONTACTED US ABOUT IT.

IT WAS INDEED THE CONTACT NUMBER FROM HOME
JACQUES BERNE
WHERE ELSE DO WE GET A HOLD OF HIM YOU THINK?
Magge mentioned Professor's Lintenber's top secret experiment...
!
The woman in the biohazard suit said Fon is sick.
Why is it from home?
Are those people in biohazard suits connected to Fon's family?
Experiment...

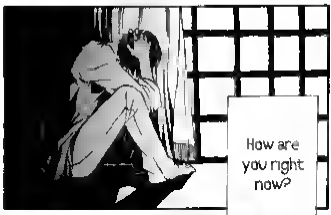
That woman in the bio-hazard suit knows my name,
and also the fact that I am a student in the military academy..
Moreover, the timing...
It's as if they have been watching Fon.
WHY IS FON BEING OBSERVED BY THOSE PEOPLE?
WHAT'S THIS HIGH PROFILED EXPERIMENT THAT PROFESSOR HAS BEEN WORKING ON ABOUT?
COULD IT BE THAT FON IS
.....
?

HEY, JACQUES
.....
FONTINBRAS IS ABSENT TODAY AGAIN
HEALTHY PEOPLE LIKE HIM REACH THEIR LIMITS SUDDENLY.
I HEARD HE'S VERY SICK?
IT SEEMS EVERYONE CAN'T SEEM TO KEEP UP WHEN HE S NOT HERE
The person Fon had been looking for in the Inner Island was murdered.

should've been aware where ES was that night
and the reason he's there,
I WONDER WHERE HE WENT
HE BRINGS LIFE TO OTHER PEOPLE
IF THE RUMOR THAT ES IS HIS CLONE,
IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE THAT A SUPER TRACKING DEVICE WAS INSTALLED AS WELL.
Jams, you
.....
I DON'T KNOW... THE MESSAGE ONLY WENT TO THE INSTRUCTORS.
But...
I SEE, AS THE ROOMMATE, YOU MUST BE VERY WORRIED.
YEAH

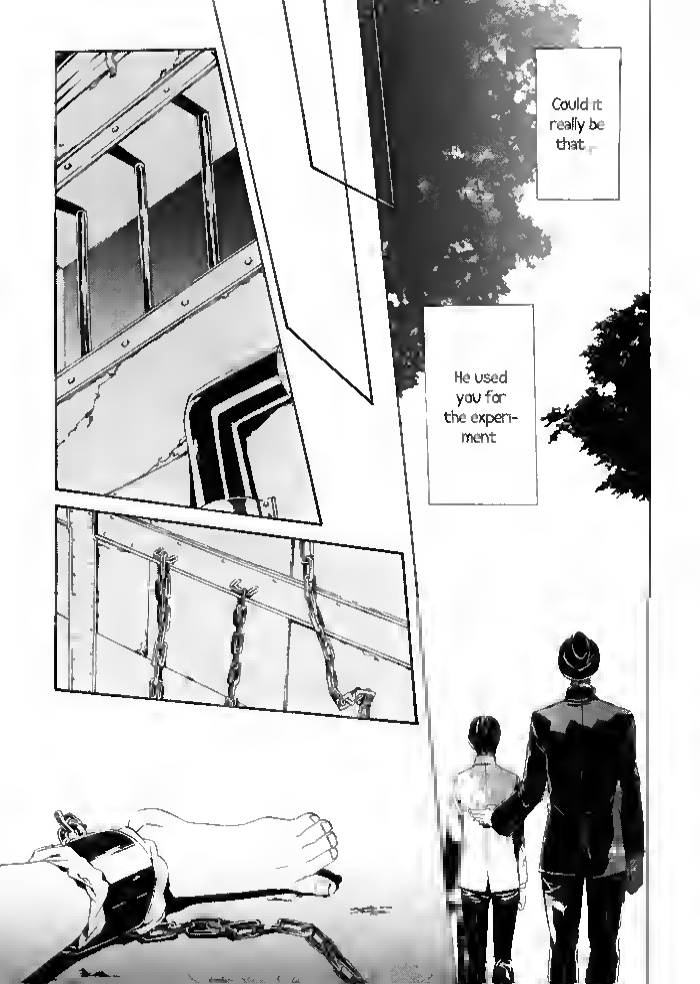
Janis did not say a word

about what happened that night


How are you right now?

What is Professor Littenber hiding?

For... A week has already passed.


Could it really be that...
He used you for the experiment

clack
!
Creak

FA...
THER...
.....
clang
clang
.....
FINALLY YOU'VE CALMED DOWN THAT'S GREAT
...PLEASE... LET ME OUT, FATHER.
NN..
rise

PLEASE FATHE—
YOU
SHOULD REMEMBER WHAT YOU DID.
rise
LET ME OUT—
.....

.....
thump
WHAT DID YOU DO?
Ah...
Ah...
Ah...
.....

No ...!
That's not it... That was...
clang
I... WITH THESE HANDS...
KILLED ...!
THAT'S RIGHT, YOU TOOK REVENGE.
That was only killing a person.
No, even crueler...
I don't even feel a bit of accomplishment.

Why was I this brutal...!?
Was that really me?
I wasn't able to feel the cruelness of my savage actions. I tore apart his guts and was still not satisfied!
PLEASE HAND ME OVER TO THE POLICE...
I BEG YOU... FATHER ..
THE POLICE WILL NOT REPORT HIS EVENT. IT WILL BE PROCESSED AS A QUARREL WITHIN THE BLACKMARKET
HOW COULD IT BE...?
I COMMITTED A CRIME THEREFORE I OUGHT TO RECEIVE MY PUNISHMENT.
FATHER ...!

slide
F.A...
THER...

clang

WHAT... HAVE I...
.....
?
!!
I... CAN'T DO THIS ANY-MORE...
RAISE YOUR HEAD, FONTINEBRAS

IT'S TIME TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH.
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN GREAT IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO TELL YOU AT ALL BUT...
IN THE CURRENT SITUATION, NOT KNOWING WOULD CAUSE YOU EVEN MORE PAIN.
.....

WE ALSO ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO STOP YOU
.....?
FA-THER...
clang
TRUTH ...?
.....
PLEASE LISTEN CAREFULLY, FONTINBRAS

THIS IS ABOUT YOU YOURSELF
BARE THIS IN MIND

FONTIN-
BRAS,
YOU
ARE.
The
truth...
About
me...?

!
.....
Huh ...?
!

.....
Father...
Cre...
They...
You were...
Created by us...
SERIAL CODE... "F" "FONTIN-BRAS".
...JUST NOW, WHAT...
FATHER... I DON'T QUITE
JUST NOW... WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?

Created me...?

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I WAS CREATED
BY FATHER AND YOU ALL..?
第24話

THE ARRANGEMENT OF YOUR DNA AS A HUMAN WAS DESIGNED ENTIRELY BY US
.....
THAT'S CORRECT

USING A MASSIVE FORMULA AS THE BASIS WE CREATED A NUCLEIC ACID DOUBLE HELIX WITH OUR OWN HANDS OUT OF 4 TYPES OF AMINO ACIDS.
THAT'S THE DNA YOU POSSESS
!
YOU ARE NOT DUPLICATED LIKE THE CLONES, NOR WERE YOU CREATED BY REARRANGING GENES.
YOU MUST... BE LYING... I AM MY PARENTS...
YOU DON'T HAVE PARENTS
YOU WERE CREATED FROM SCRATCH
YOU WERE COMPOSED LITTLE BY LITTLE BY OUR HANDS.
A completely artificial human.

YOU WERE CREATED FOR A CERTAIN PURPOSE OF OURS.
PURGE CHILDREN.
SERIAL CODE "F", THE SIXTH OF THE COMPLETELY ARTIFICIAL HUMANS
.....
THE... SIXTH.
THAT'S RIGHT.
I KNEW YOU BEFORE YOU BECAME A CELL

13 YEARS?
THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
RESIDING IN THE ARTIFICIAL WOMB IN OUR LAB
FOR 13 YEARS YOU WERE AN ORGANISM THAT TOOK THE FORM OF A HUMAN.

I HAD ALWAYS BEEN WITH MY PARENTS
I REMEMBER CLEARLY!
YOUR MEMORIES AS A CHILD WITHIN YOUR BRAIN
WERE ALL IMPLANTED BY US

THEY WERE WRITTEN USING AN EDUCATION PROGRAM CALLED "EDUCATION MESSIAH"
ARTIFICIAL MEMORY

I can remember them, and I can recall them...!
My memory was in fact made up How could-
HOW COULD I BELIEVE THIS KIND OF STORY?
...
sniff
PLEASE STOP THAT SORT OF...
FON
pull
.....?
THIS IS...
beep
IF YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THIS...
THEN PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT THIS...

SHOCK
"F" THE BIOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT
beep
beep
beep
beep
THAT IS THE RECORD OF THE 13 YEARS WHEN YOU WERE IN THE ARTIFICIAL WOMB
From body temperature shift to documentation of behavior
CLACK
This is my...
ONCE YOU LEFT THE WOMB WE CONTINUED TO OBSERVE YOU
WE EMBEDDED AN ARTIFICIAL HUMAN IDENTIFICATION CHIP INTO YOUR BODY.
THEN...
!
MY MURDERED MOTHER AND FATHER
WHO WERE THEY...?

The time with my parents
is all lies...?
Happy 13th birthday.
YOUR PARENTS AGREED TO PLAY THE ROLE OF STEP-PARENTS FOR THIS PROJECT
WHEN YOU BECAME 13 AND LEFT THE WOMB, THE MILFIELD COUPLE CAME AND ADOPTED YOU
That kindness was...
The gaze from my father is..
The arms of my mother which held me are ..
Who... Were these really for..?

HOWEVER, IT WILL BE TOO LATE IF WE CAN ONLY WAIT FOR SUCH A HEROIC PERSON TO APPEAR.
THEREFORE WE DECIDED THAT...
WE WILL USE OUR OWN HANDS TO CREATE...
A leader
To restore a healthy society into the corrupted Ilegenes,
we decided that we need a leader to undertake this responsibility.
DURING THIS HALF A CENTURY THIS ISLAND HAS CHANGED COMPLETELY...
Applying genetic modification on humans, and then turning that into a business.
Even the Gods have become fearful of this island.
.....
TO PURIFY ILEGENES FON
FOR WHAT REASON DID YOU GO THIS FAR TO CREATE "ME"?
PURIFY...?
ME...?

THE PROJECT OF CREATING HUMANS TO PURIFY THIS ISLAND...
WAS STARTED BY EIGHT ELITE SCIENTISTS.
YOUR DNA IS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR REFORMING ILEGENES.
EVEN YOUR APPEARANCE AND YOUR PERSONALITY
USING SUCCESSFUL LEADERS AS A BASIS WE CHOSE THE BEST TRAITS THESE ARE REFLECTED IN YOUR BRAIN PLAN

You have never ridden a horse before is a lie, isn't it?
WITH THE EIGHT TOP SCIENTISTS IN THIS ERA EVERYTHING IMAGINABLE WAS POSSIBLE.
YOUR INTELLIGENCE AND REFLEXES ARE DESIGNED TO BE FAR SUPERIOR TO THAT OF REGULAR HUMANS.
Fon is amazing. He ranked first again in the exam!
I didn't hear any strange sound at all.
IN ADDITION, WE GRANTED YOU THE "APTITUDE" TO DEAL WITH DIFFERENT SCENARIOS.
FOR THE SAKE OF THE RESURRECTION OF ILEGENES.
THESE ARE ENTIRELY

Everything is beginning to disintegrate
YOUR PERSONALITY ALSO WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN, DEMONSTRATING ONE OF THE SEVERAL INITIAL DESIGN PATTERNS
THEN, YOU ADOPTING ME WAS ALSO...
The familiarity I felt that day was also...
!!!
THE DEATH OF THE MILFIELD COUPLE WAS HEARTBREAKING NEWS

My mother and father who agreed to this project and became my step-parents...
THE REASON I ADOPTED YOU IS
SO THAT I COULD PERSONALLY TAKE OVER THE IN VITRO EDUCATING PROGRAMME THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE PERFORMED BY THE MILFIELDS
In vitro educating programme that was entrusted to someone else...
Then the love they gave me,
the warmth, the kindness.
The happiness that I assumed gratuitous are...
IT'S...

IT'S ALL BECAUSE I AM PART OF THE PROJECT...?
IS THIS WAY MY MOTHER AND FATHER LOVED ME?
FON...
!
Did my parents play their roles only to be consistent with the implanted memory in the womb...!?
Everything they did to me, there was an intention behind it..

FON, THAT'S NOT TRUE...
INDEED THEY MIGHT OF HAD THOSE THOUGHTS AT THE TIME THEY AGREED TO THE PROJECT...
HOWEVER, THEY REALLY TREATED YOU AS THEIR SON.
LOVING YOU.
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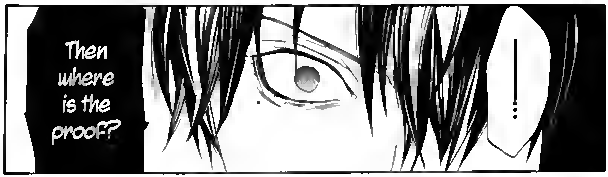
Then where is the proof?
!!!

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I FELT LOVED
IT MUST BE THAT I WAS DESIGNED TO FEEL THAT WAY...

YOU SHOULD KNOW THE BEST...
.....
FON...
THOSE TWO PEOPLE, HOW MUCH THEY CARED FOR YOU...
.....
The me right now is the result of "the materialization of someone's goal." From the start, "I am bound to be this way"...
An artificial entity.
Which...?
Which part is the truth!? Where does the lie start...?

EVEN AT THIS POINT RIGHT NOW,
THIS LAB IS PRODUCING NEW ENTITIES.
Walking on a path that has been decided before I was even created, yet mistakenly believing that it's my own choice
Is there any reality that exists in that kind of situation?

YOU ARE A DIFFICULT ENTITY BY NATURE.
AMONG ALL THE PURGE CHILDREN CREATED YOU HAVE THE MOST RADICAL DESIGN.
THEREFORE...

THERE IS SOMEONE ELSE LIKE ME. ?
THERE ARE OTHER ENTITIES AFTER ME

WE MUST OBSERVE YOU WITH CAUTION
MAINTAINING THE STABILITY OF YOUR MIND AND HEALTH DURING PUBERTY MADE YOU THE MOST CHALLENGING SUBJECT, HOWEVER.
IT WAS AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT THAT A MARRIED COUPLE WAS KILLED
THAT NIGHT...
THE MURDER OF MR AND MRS MILFIELD WAS A TRAGIC MISFORTUNE
THOUGH THIS WAS WITHIN EXPECTATION IF THEY ENGAGED IN THIS KIND OF ACTIVITY

YOUR TRAUMA LED TO EMOTIONAL INSTABILITY.
SINCE THEN, YOU STARTED TO SUFFER FROM FLASHBACKS OF THE MEMORIES FROM THAT NIGHT.
WE MANAGED TO LESSEN THE EFFECT THROUGH PHARMACOTHERAPY*, HOWEVER...
*Drug therapy
YOUR CONDITION IS BEYOND OUR POWER.
I see.
.....
Everything about me
was created
and there are substitutes...

We were unable to stop you.
Please forgive us.
PLEASE FORGIVE US, FON
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT THAT YOU DID SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS
IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY
THE PROGRAM INSIDE YOU WENT OUT OF CONTROL
WE WERE UNABLE TO RESTRAIN IT...

Everything I believe in is starting to collapse under my feet.
!!
Is this like machines that can be disassembled?
I am just a clump of artificial material put together...

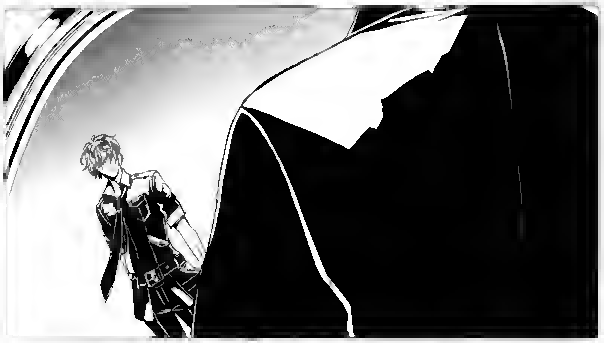
Everything is the way it should become...
An arranged life.

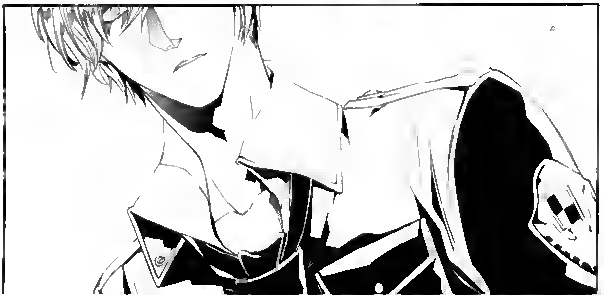
Have I been dreaming all this time?
Where am I between reality and imagination?
I don't understand.

Six entities artificially created for the purpose of purifying Ilegenes.
If there are other entities that carry the same purpose as I do.
To all of you,
am I, a malfunctioned entity?
Then my existence would be...
An unnecessary existence...

FATHER
PLEASE TELL ME.
FON...
Which part is "me"?
Which part belongs to my will?

Please tell me, Professor!
Please tell me!
Please tell me...





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JAQUES

I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU
Jaques' smi... The smile towards me...
SORRY...
.....

There is no need to smile to me like this

あとがき

これは私が生まれる前の話です。
私は次女なのですが、母は姉を産んだ後、さらに子供を産むことにだいぶ消極的だったそうです。うちは子供はひとりでいいんじゃないかな、と思っていた母の背中を押したのは、父でした。
「もうひとり作ろう。子供はいいもんだぞ」
その一言で、母も「そういうものかな」と思い直し、かくして私は無事作ってもらう(笑)ことができました。
その話を母から聞いたとき、私は「ああ、そうか。私という人間の最初にあったのは、父の意志だったんだな」と思ったものでした。
人間の意志が、ひとつの存在を生み出す。
それって実は凄いことなんじゃないだろうか。
とはいえ、親の立場からすると、それはごく普通の感覚で、さほど凄いことでも何でもないわけですが、それで産まれた側からすると、なんだかとてつもない「聖なる発端」のように感じられてしまうわけです。
その「意志」に、創造主的な何かに匹敵するものまで感じてしまいます。
そんなことを思い出しながら、フォンについて考えていました。
人間は皆、作られます。
そういう意味では、フォンも私たちも、そう変わりはありません。実験であろうが、なかろうが、自分がここにいるという事実においては、フラットなのです。
人はみんな、ひとりひとり、生まれた時から、荒野にぽつんと立っています。
愛情という拠り所をつい探してしまうのは、いまここに生きて存在することの承認を得たいという生き物の本能なのかもしれません。
いまフォンはようやく、自分が荒野にひとり立っていたことに気づいたところなのだと思います。
揺りかごが消え、荒野の風を頬に感じた時、人はようやく絆の意味に気づくのだと思うのです。

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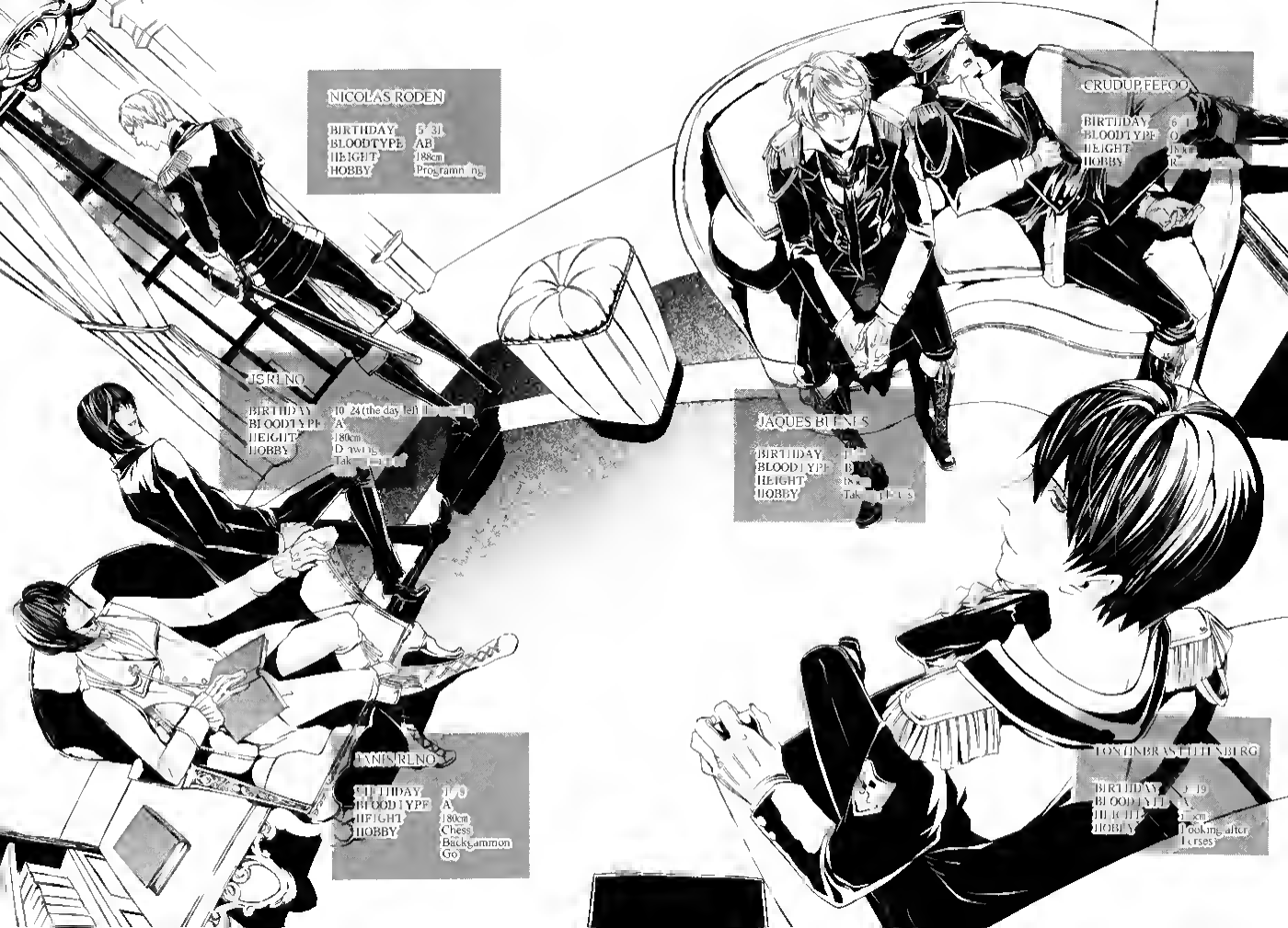
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HOBBY R
JOSEPH NO
BIRTHDAY 10/24(the day left
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JAQUES BLANES
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HOBBY
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HOBBY Chess
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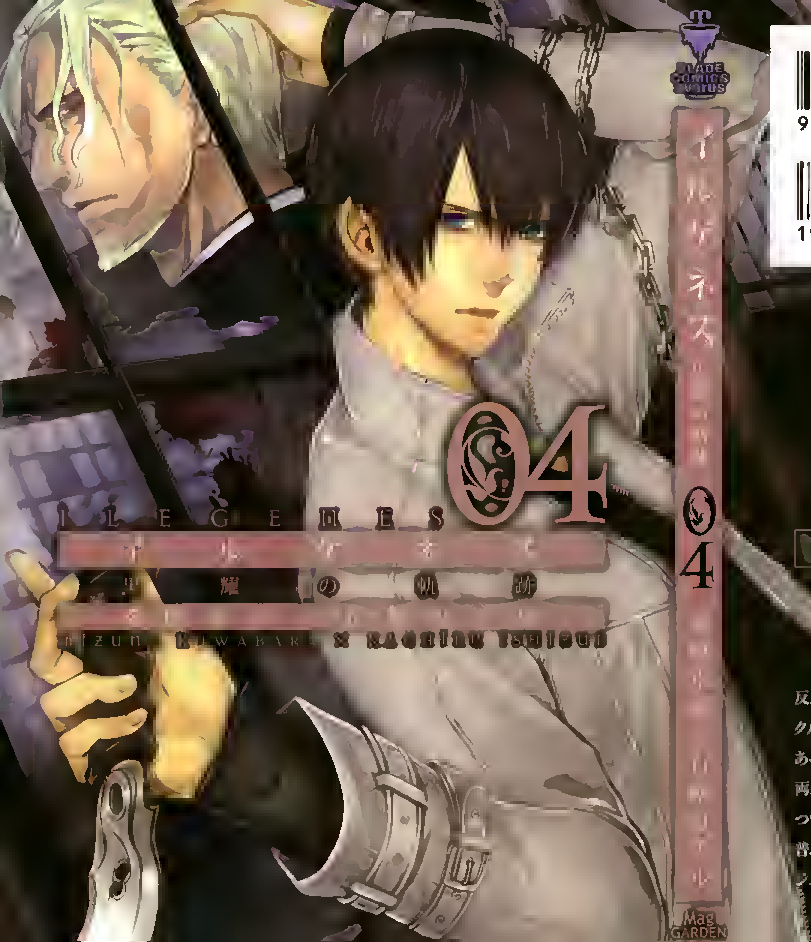

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ついに仇敵・軍曹と島裏のラボで接触を試みる。
普段と様子の違うフォンに不安を感じたエスは、
ジェイクに助けを求めるが――。